

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/22/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 81-100.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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1. This communication is in response to applicant's response received on March 23, 2006.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejections of claims 81-100 under 35 USC § 103 mailed March 23, 2006 have been fully-considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 81-100 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for the allowance of the independent claim 81 is the inclusion of the following limitations that are not found in the prior art and they are uniquely distinct features. The closest prior arts are Lampert et al. (5,953,722), Eschenbach et al (6,181,253 B1) and Ross et al (5,903,653). Lampert et al discloses a method for making and using a geographic database. The geographic database includes a plurality of data entities each of which represents a physical feature in the geographic region. A data entity ID is associated to each of the plurality of data entities in the database. Eschenbach et al discloses method and apparatus for monitoring the present location of a person who is to be confined to a designated site, which site can have a diameter as small as a few meters or as large as several kilometers. The

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present location of the monitored person is checked at selected time intervals with time periods ranging from one second to thousands of seconds, as desired. The monitored person wears a location-determining ("LD") unit that receives electromagnetic signals that contain information allowing determination of the present location of the LD unit, and thus of the monitored person. Ross et al discloses a vehicle anti-theft system for allowing a user to disable a vehicle. The system includes a wireless transmitter that is locatable remotely from the vehicle and operable to transmit one of a plurality of disable commands.

However, these three arts, singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the following limitation:

"Claim 81: associating an uncertainty with at least one of the first binary representation and the second binary representation,
bitwise comparing the first binary representation and the second binary representation, and,
associating an uncertainty with the bitwise comparison."

3. The dependent claims 82-100 are allowed because they were originally found to include a unique feature not found in the closest abovementioned art.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 571-272-3808. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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